

JOURNAL NO. 16

Tuesday, June 24, 1986

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:17 p.m., the President of the Constitutional Commission, the Honorable Cecilia Muñoz Palma, called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

The National Anthem was sung followed by a prayer led by Mr. Edmundo G. Garcia, to wit:

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 4, verses 16:19:

Then Jesus went to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, and on the Sabbath He went as usual to the synagogue. He stood up to read the Scriptures and was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it is written,

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor.

"He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save His people."

Dear God, our Father, You, who so loved the world that you pitched Your tent among us, be with us today as we work together in drafting the law of the land that will help set our people free: free from poverty and hunger, free from injustice and oppression, free to break down the barriers which prevent us from truly becoming brothers and sisters to one another.

Lord, Father of us all, forgive us for our shortcomings. Help us to listen and learn, to respect' the word of the other and to understand the concern of those who are poor and powerless.

We are a rich country, but our people are poor. We are an independent Republic, but we are still struggling to be sovereign. We want to be a nation, proud to walk our own path, before the concert of nations.

Lord of our history, Father of our people, be with us as we march towards a new day and help us realize in these halls that brother helped by brother is like a strong city built on the rock of faith in our people and hope that one day we shall all be free.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General of the Commission called the Roll and the following Members responded:

Abubakar, Y. Natividad, T.C.
R.
Alonto, A. D. Nieva, M. T. F.
Aquino, F. S. Nolledo, J. N.
Azcuna, A. Ople, B. F.
S.
Bacani, T. C. Muñoz Palma, C.
Bennagen, P. Rama, N. G.
L.
Bernas, J. G. Regalado, F. D .
Rosario De los Reyes, R.
Braid, F.
Brocka, L. O. Rigos, C. A.
Calderon, J. Rodrigo, F. A
D. .
De Castro, Romulo, R. J.
C. M.
Colayco, J. Rosales, D. R.
C.
Concepcion, Sarmiento, R. V.
R. R.
Davide, H. Suarez, J. E.
G.
Foz, V. B. Sumulong, L. M.
Garcia, E. G. Tan, C.
Gascon, J. L. Tingson, G. J.
M. C.
Guingona, S. Treñas, E. B.
V. C.
Jamir, A. M. Uka, L. L.
K.
Lerum, E. R. Villacorta, W. V.
Maambong, Villegas, B. M.
R. E.
Monsod, C.
S.

With 43 Members present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

The following Members appeared after the Roll Call:

Padilla, A. B. Quesada, M. L. M.

The following Members were absent:

Bengzon, J. Tadeo, J. S. L.
F. S.
Laurel, J. B.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Mr. Alonto, there being no objection, the reading of the Journal of the previous session was dispensed with and the said Journal was approved by the Body.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Mr. Alonto, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES OF RESOLUTIONS

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read, on First Reading, the titles of the following proposed Resolutions which were, in turn, referred by the Chair to the Committees hereunder indicated:

Proposed Resolution No. 229, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION AN ARTICLE
ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS

Introduced by Honorable Tingson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS

Proposed Resolution No. 230, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION STATE
POLICIES CONCERNING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Honorable De Castro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Proposed Resolution No. 231, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION STATE
POLICIES TO PREVENT THE SAD EXPERIENCE OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE
DURING THE TWENTY YEARS RULE OF THE DEPOSED REGIME

Introduced by Honorable De Castro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PREAMBLE, NATIONAL TERRITORY AND
DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Proposed Resolution No. 232, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE IN THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION SECTION
SIX OF ARTICLE X OF THE 1973 CONSTITUTION

Introduced by Honorable Treñas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Proposed Resolution No. 233, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE IN THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION SECTION
SEVEN OF ARTICLE X OF THE 1973 CONSTITUTION

Introduced by Honorable Treñas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Proposed Resolution No. 234, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION IN THE ARTICLE ON THE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT A SPECIFIC PROVISION REDEFINING THE
POWER OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OVER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Introduced by Honorable Regalado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE EXECUTIVE

Proposed Resolution No. 235, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE DISQUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF
THE LEGISLATURE FROM PARTICIPATING AS COUNSEL IN JUDICIAL
QUASI-JUDICIAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS AND
PROHIBITIONS AGAINST THEIR HAVING FINANCIAL INTERESTS IN
CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS

Introduced by Honorable Regalado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE LEGISLATIVE

Proposed Resolution No. 236, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING A PROVISION IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION
AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF JUSTICE TO ADDRESS THE LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Honorable Romulo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Proposed Resolution No. 237, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH FREEDOM PARKS IN ALL TOWNS, CITIES
AND PROVINCES IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Honorable De los Reyes, Jr.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP, BILL OF RIGHTS, POLITICAL
RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Proposed Resolution No. 238, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO STRENGTHEN THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION BY
INCORPORATING IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION PROVISIONS REQUIRING
THAT APPOINTMENTS THERETO SHALL BE MADE FROM A LIST OF
NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY VARIOUS SECTORS AND INCREASING THE
QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS COMMISSIONER

Introduced by Honorable Davide, Jr.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSIONS AND
AGENCIES

Proposed Resolution No. 239, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE ENTRY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE BY
QUALIFIED AND COMPETENT MEN BY INCORPORATING IN THE NEW
CONSTITUTION A PROVISION MANDATING COMPARABILITY OF PAY TO
CIVIL SERVANTS WITH THAT IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Introduced by Honorable Davide, Jr.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSIONS AND
AGENCIES

Proposed Resolution No. 240, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO ENSURE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRONG CIVIL
SERVICE BY CONSTITUTIONALLY MANDATING THE CIVIL SERVICE
COMMISSION TO UNDERTAKE REFORMS IN VARIOUS AREAS OF
CONCERN AND INCORPORATING IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION A
PROVISION GRANTING BROADER POWERS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE
COMMISSION

Introduced by Honorable Davide, Jr.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSIONS AND
AGENCIES

Proposed Resolution No. 241, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING THAT THE FIRST ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF
THE NATIONAL LEGISLATURE AND ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
INCLUDING THOSE OF THE BARANGAY BE HELD ON MARCH 25, 1987
AFTER THE RATIFICATION OF THIS CONSTITUTION

Introduced by Honorable Ople, De los Reyes, Jr., Maambong and
Natividad

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITORY PROVISIONS